

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-12 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended, claims 5-12 are new. Claims 3 and 4 were withdrawn in response to a prior office action response. The claims have been amended to add the steps of positioning the planar object on a trimming table and performing various other process steps that utilize the functionality of the trimming table. These amendments are supported by the specification at page 3, lines 3-19, page 4, lines 9-14 and page 5, line 23 through page 7, line 15.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The applicant has amended claim 1 and 2 to recite a plurality of method step limitations for trimming a planar object.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Robell, US Patent No. 6,115,926 which discloses a method for aligning a plate by providing grid markings prior to trimming. The amended claims include the steps of positioning the planar object on a trimming table and performing various other process steps that utilize the functionality of the trimming table. The applicant submits that Robell does not disclose the trimming table functional limitations. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and includes an additional limitation. For these reasons, the applicant submits that claims 1 and 2 are not invalid as anticipated by Robell. Claims 5 includes the same trimming table limitations that are in claim 1 and claims 6-12 depend from claim 5. For these same reasons claims 5-12 are not invalid as anticipated by Robell.

The examiner also rejected claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Robell in view of Cavit, US Patent No. 6,115,926. Cavit discloses a baseplate for a router

having indicator blocks that are used to align the router cutting tool on a workpiece. As discussed above, all of the pending claims have been amended to add limitations directed to a trimming table that includes a movable adjustment table. The planar object is secured to the adjustment table and the object is trimmed with a saw. The applicant submits that the movable saw movably coupled to the base, the optical reader, the movable adjustment table and other limitations are not disclosed by any of the cited references.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned collect at (415) 705-6377 if there are any outstanding issues or questions which can be resolved to allow this application to be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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